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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 886

C O N F I D E N T I A L LIBREVILLE 0912

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGSC PGOV, PINT, GB

SUBJ: SEC CIVIL COMPLAINT AGAINST PAGE AIRWAYS

REF: STATE 097506

1. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR PRESIDENT BONGO'S PRIVATE CABINET, ALBERT YANGARI, TOLD PAO AFTERNOON SATURDAY, APRIL 15, THAT LETTER SIGNED BY BONGO, HAD BEEN DELIVERED PREVIOUS DAY TO PAGE AIRWAYS REPRESENTATIVE WHO HAD BEEN IN LIBREVILLE. ACCORDING TO YANGARI, LETTER DRAFTED TO PROTECT GOG AND PROTEST "RUMORS" CIRCULATING THAT GABONESE HAD TAKEN KICKBACK IN CONNECTION WITH 1972 GULFSTREAM II PURCHASE. "I FORMALLY DENY THAT THIS TOOK PLACE" THE LETTER STATES, AND CONTINUES TO WARN THAT IF RUMORS PERSIST THERE WOULD BE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO CONTACT HIGHEST US AUTHORITIES AND LODGE A "DIPLOMATIC PROTEST" THE POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE PROTEST, ACCORDING TO THE LETTER, COULD "AFFECT AND EVEN TARNISH THE GOOD AND CORDIAL RELATIONS" EXISTING BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS. THEN, EXPRESSING INDIGNATION, BONGO WROTE THAT HE WISHED TO DISCONTINUE TRANSACTION TO PURCHASE ANOTHER GULFSTREAM II AND TO REQUEST THAT THE DOWNPAYMENT BE RETURNED.

2. COMMENT: IF PAGE AIRWAYS REPS WERE IN TOWN THEY DID
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NOT COME NEAR EMBASSY, BUT APPARENTLY SOUGHT TO SOLICIT DOUMENTATION THAT MIGHT HELP IN THEIR SEC COMPLAINT. GOG OBVIOUSLY ALSO ATTEMPTED USE OCCASION TO SHIELD ITSELF FROM ADVERSE PUBLICITY. WE BELIEVE SECOND GULFSTREAM REFERRED TO IN LETTER IS ONE BONGO WAS PURCHASING PRIVATELY AND NOT FOR GOG.YATES

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